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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/653,227  
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Title: MESSAGE  
AUTHENTICATION  
USING MESSAGE GATES  
IN A DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

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This paper is submitted as an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to the above-referenced application.

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